

FORT DETRICK ALL SERVICES RETIREE COUNCIL

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REPORT TO RETIREES

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On 25 April 1995, the Garrison Commander appointed a Fort Detrick All Services Retiree Council. The purpose of the Council is to provide retirees with a means of communicating with the active and reserve military; to analyze and influence decisions, policies, and laws; to take part in programs concerning their well being; and to develop public support of military programs through retirees.

The Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 1900 and we need to hear from the retiree community. Come to our meetings in Bldg. 1520 Community Support Center on Freedman Drive (*beyond the Education and Training Center at the Commissary. NOTE: There is no entry through the Education and Training Center.*) or call one of the council members with your ideas, concerns, comments, or questions at (301) 619-3340. A list of the Council members follows:

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(301) 846-0741

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(301) 845-2524

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW: FORT DETRICK 'S EIGHTH
ANNUAL RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY, OCTOBER 2, 2002**

Post It!

FREQUENTLY CALLED TELEPHONE NUMBERS AT FORT DETRICK:

ALL SERVICES RETIREE COUNCIL OFFICE.....VOICE: (301) 619-3340
.....FAX: (301) 619-3597
FORT DETRICK (When calling from outside the local dialing area).....1-800-256-7621
WEB PAGE.....<http://www.armymedicine.army.mil/detrick/>
POST EXCHANGE.....(301) 619-2262
GAS STATION.....(301) 662-7777
THRIFT SHOP.....(301) 619-2289
BARBER SHOP.....(301) 619-2345
CLEANERS.....(301) 694-3237
COMMISSARY.....(301) 619-2989
CHAPEL.....(301) 619-7371
HEALTH CLINIC/TRICARE.....(301) 619-7175
PROVOST MARSHAL.....(301) 619-7114
JUDGE ADVOCATE/ LEGAL ASSISTANCE.....(301) 619-2221
FORT DETRICK OPERATOR ASSISTANCE.....(301) 619-8000
HOTLINE(301) 619-CARE (2273)
ID CARDS.....(301) 619-7311
FITNESS CENTER.....(301) 619-2498
RETIRED PAY (DFAS-CLEVELAND).....VOICE: 1-800-321-1080
.....FAX: 1-800-469-6559
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS1-800-827-1000
DEERS.....1-800-538-9552
BWI SPACE "A" TRAVEL.....1-877-429-4262

**Fort Detrick and the All
Services Retiree Council
announce the 8th Annual
Retiree Appreciation Day,
October 2, 2002**

The Fort Detrick Garrison and its All Services Retiree Council cordially invite all military retirees, families and friends to the 8th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day, Wednesday, October 2, 2002 from 0900 to 1500 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The celebration kicks off with opening ceremonies in Strough Auditorium (Bldg 611 Porter Street) with the Pledge of Allegiance, an invocation, greetings by Retiree Council Chairman, LTC John P. Hess, (USA-Ret), and introductions of council members.

MG Lester Martinez-Lopez, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick, and Garrison commander, COL John E. Ball will offer welcoming remarks. An update on new construction on the post to include a new Commissary and PX will be provided.

Guest Speakers!

**Rear Admiral Joyce M.
Johnson, USCG**

RADM Joyce M. Johnson, D.O. M.A. was appointed as Director of Health and Safety and Chief Medical Officer, U.S. Coast Guard on September 1, 1997. Concurrently, she was promoted to rear admiral, upper half (08). She serves as the primary medical consultant to the Commandant of the Coast Guard and functions as the Coast Guard's surgeon general. She will discuss the many roles and missions of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Mr. Kenneth E. Norris

Mr. Kenneth E. Norris is a Registered Representative with the John Hancock Insurance Company. He will provide you with valuable information about long-term health care.

**Captain Warren G. (Bud)
Schneewies (USCG-Ret)**

Captain Schneeweis is Deputy Director of the Benefits Information Department of The Retired Officers Association. He will provide an update of legislation of interest to military retirees.



THE GREENWOODS BID FAREWELL

Upon the completion of my tenure as the Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Detrick, I want to convey my deepest and heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Fort Detrick All Services Retiree Council.

Your dedication to the well-being of Fort Detrick and its retiree community is admirable: and cannot go unheralded. There is no greater profession then to care for and serve others. I have been truly blessed to have been a part of a council where the personnel are exceptionally disciplined, highly proficient, quietly professional and actions always speak louder than words.

You have made magnificent strides in achieving new levels of support and service to our retiree community, hence enhancing their quality of life and well-being. Your participative effort has made a significant positive impact on the Fort Detrick Community of Excellence. The Council is admired throughout the installation for its continued

service to country through a can do spirit and compassion for our most precious resources our active duty service members and our retirees

I am justifiably proud of each and every one of you as a Council and of your outstanding accomplishments and service to our community and to our Nation. Thank you for always making the extra effort and for keeping the Fort Detrick and retiree communities' needs foremost in your actions.

Thank you for your numerous contributions and a job well done - it makes me extremely proud. I can unequivocally say that this assignment has been the best and most rewarding in my 28 year career. Janie joins me in saying farewell and wishing you and your families all the best for the future.

JAMES R. GREENWOOD
Colonel, MS

**TAPS**

ILCDR Robert "Bob" Angrisani (USCGR-Ret), a charter member of the Retiree Council, died on May 19, 2002, at the age of 69. A memorial service was held at the Fort Detrick Chapel on May 28th.

Bob held a variety of positions while serving on the Council, e.g., Chairman of the Legislative and Publicity Committees, Editor of the Newsletter "Report to Retirees," and Council Secretary. He made numerous contributions to the Council and thus the retiree community.

He will be missed!

WEST VIRGINIA TAX EXEMPTION:

The Governor of West Virginia recently signed legislation to exempt the first \$20,000 in military retirement from state income tax. The measure will affect nearly 9,000 military retirees in the state. West Virginia joins 14 other states who exempt military retired pay in one form or another including Alabama, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Each state has specific qualifications so you need to check with your state tax authority for details

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Effective June 6, 2002, the Legal Assistance Office will be closed from 0730 to 1300 every Thursday. Normal hours of operation will continue to be 0730-1630 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Thursday from 1300-1630

COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE DEC 1, 2001

The cost of living adjustment (COLA) to most retired pay and Survivor Benefits Plan (SBP) annuities will be 2.6 percent. The COLA is effective Dec 1, 2001, which means that you'll see an increase in your January retired pay/SBP annuity checks. Retirees, please note that SBP premiums are also increased by the COLA. Those of you who retired in 2001, please note that you'll receive a partial COLA; contact your Retirement Services Officer (listed on this website [http:// www.odcsper.army.mil](http://www.odcsper.army.mil)) for your COLA figure.

TAX GUIDE

If you're getting ready to start your taxes, the Retired Officers Association's (TROA) 2002 Income Tax Guide is on the internet at <http://www.troa.org/taxguide.asp>. This tax guide is also available in fact sheet format at <http://www.troa.org>.

The guide provides current tax information on military retired pay, SBP and VA disability compensation as affected by federal and state tax laws. Also addressed in detail is SBP in terms of federal estate tax law. An expanded 'Tax Information - Potpourri' section provides internet information for state tax rates, state tax forms, and internet/telephone numbers for states taxing military retired pay as well as SBP.

FORGOTTEN WIDOWS BENEFIT

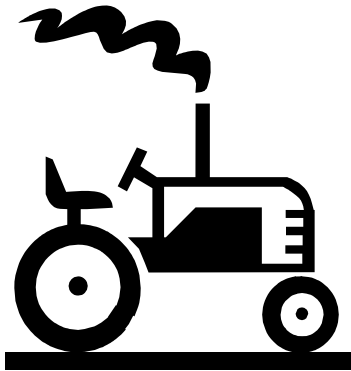
Certain surviving spouses of military retirees who died before having the opportunity to enroll in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) or if qualified reservists, the Reserve Component SBP (RCSBP), may be eligible to receive a monthly annuity (currently \$180.88/month). See the section on this homepage titled, "Annuities for Certain Military Surviving Spouses (ACMSS)" for eligibility and application details.

ARMY KNOWLEDGE ONLINE

"Army Knowledge Online," the Army's Intranet, gives active-duty and reserve soldiers, DA civilians, retirees and other authorized users a secure, computer-accessed ability to communicate worldwide and

obtain access to a storehouse of information. Contrasted with the Army Homepage, which is open to the general public through the Internet, AKO is available only to those with an Army-approved user ID and password. Users can individually 'tailor' their site by placing preferred topics 'up front' on the page. To sign up for an Army Knowledge Account, go to: <http://www.us.army.mil> and click on I'm a New User to register.

FORT DETRICK FARMERS' MARKET
LOCAL FARMERS



FRUITS

VEGETABLES

BAKED GOODS

CUT FLOWERS

PLANTS

July 9 - Sep 24, 2002

Tuesday - 11:00 am until 1:30
pmIn Front of Building 549
(Library/Conference
Center/Café)

FORT DETRICK 8TH ANNUAL RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY LUNCHEON

1200, Wednesday, October, 2, 2002
Community Activities Center (Bldg. 718, Porter Street)

MENU

Barbecued Boneless Chicken Breast, Roast Beef, Roasted New Potatoes, Wild and Long Grain Rice, Green Beans and Baby Carrots, Tossed Salad, Dinner Rolls, Dessert, Iced Tea and Coffee Service

Reservation Request

Clip and mail with check or money order (*no cash*) made payable to: **IMWRF** to:

DCS
ATTN: MCHD-CSM (retiree Council)
1520 Freedman Dr., Suite 300
Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5016

Yes, I will attend the 8th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Luncheon at the Fort Detrick Community Activities Center on October 2, 2002. Please make _____ reservation(s) in my name. I enclose my check (*or money order*) made payable to **IMWRF** in the amount of \$_____ (\$8.50 per person)

**Reservations must be received No Later Than
Wednesday, September 25, 2002**

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (*in case of cancellation*) _____

Mailing List: For FREE home delivery of *Report to Retirees*, print this page, complete the forms below and mail to: **DCS, ATTN: MCHD-CSM, 1520 FREEDMAN DRIVE, SUITE 300, FORT DETRICK, MARYLAND 21702-5016**

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974-

Auth.Sec.3012, Title 10, United States Code. **PURPOSE OF THIS FORM:** To maintain current mailing address which will be used when mailing newsletters and other notices to military retiree or widow(er).

LAST NAME: _____ **FIRST NAME:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Check block, which shows your status

Retiree ☐ Widow(er) ☐ Reserve retiree not yet 60 ☐